(4) and (5) Yes. The site selected was in accordance with the unanimous resolution of the Panchayat and is generally approved of by the beneficiaries of the tank.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Sub-section (3). Survey No. 427 of Nelluvaya village has been selected There is a provision of Rs. 400 for that acquisition.

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—We do not exactly know how much will be required. If something more is necessary it would be met from savings.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—The offer of surrender for all castes and creeds came from whom? Sub-division (1)—who offered this surrender?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—I think it was one Ramakrishna Ayyar of Nelluvaya who offered the surrender.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Did the Government go into the records and see whether he has any right to offer this tank? My information is that he was only a trustee. The tank does not belong to him. He holds the tank as a trustee. Did the Government, before surrender, look into these papers?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Government have looked into all these papers and the presumption of the Hon'ble Member has been found to be correct.

Unpassed English knowing hands now on the establishment.

114. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of such hands in the Magisterial Department who are now drawing Rs. 20 and who have not been exempted from the operation of S. O. No. 1;

(b) the number of years they have been in service;

(c) how long they had been drawing the same pay;

(d) whether the District Magistrate has recommended their exemption from the operation of S. O. No. 1;

(e) whether the same has been granted;

(f) if not, why not?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) eTn.

(b) Between 12 and 24 years.

(c) Since 1st Vrischigam 1095.

(d) The District Magistrate recommended exemption in the case of two.

(e) No.

(f) As there were no permanent or long standing vacancies.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Sub-division (d). I would like to know when the District Magistrate made these recommendations.

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—About twoyears back or a year back.

Mr.P. Raman Menon.—Does the answer mean that there were no permanent or temporary vacancies since then for the last two years ? In sub-division (f) it is stated that there were no permanent or long standing vacancies.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It was not granted then because there was no vacancy. If there is no vacancy and if the District Magistrate recommends any name or the same name it is not usual to consider such proposals. Such proposals are considered generally only when the proposal is made along with the vacancy. There wasno vacancy at the time and therefore he was replied, better wait and report if necessary, when a vacancy actually arises.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—I want to know whether there were vacancies since then and whether their claims were still overlooked ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no claim to be overlooked.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Were their names ignored even in those cases ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice to say whether there have been vacancies to which these people could have been appointed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Can the House take it for granted that when permanent vacancies occur such exemptions will be granted on the recommendation of Departmental Heads ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Only on such occasions are they granted. But itdoes not follow that it will be followed generally.

Article in Mahathi—nomination—Poomangalam Panchayat.

115. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether its attention has been drawn to the article in the Mahathi headed "ഞെരിക്കാം പൂമംഗലത്തെ" in its issue dated 4th Thulam 1108;

(b) is the allegation that of the three nominations one used to be given to each of the villages Poomangalam, Vadakkumkara and Thekkumkara true;

(c) was not such the practice from the very beginning;

(d) were all the three nominations made this time from the Poomangalam village;

(e) who are the Members nominated;

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